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SUBJECT: ROC RESTATES EAST CHINA SEA CONTINENTAL SHELF CLAIM

REF: A. TAIPEI 0974; B. TAIPEI 0717

1. ACCORDING MOFA TREATY DEPT DIRECTOR JUEI CHUNG-HCUN, MOFA CONSIDERS STATEMENT (REF A) MINIMUM REQUIRED RESPONSE TO ROK-JAPAN EXPLORATION TREATY AND STATEMENTS WHICH FOLLOWED IT. HE NOTED KOREA AND JAPAN NOTE NAMED IN ORDER TO AVOID HEATING UP ISSUE AND, IN CASE OF JAPAN, TO AVOID ANY INFERENCE THAT IT MIGHT HAVE LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO DISPUTED AREA LYING IN ROC EXPLORATION ZONES IV AND V. KUEI ALSO NOTED THAT NEITHER STATEMENT NOR ITS TIMING WAS RELATED TO GRC HANDLING OF PARACELS-SPRATLEY DISPUTE.

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2. KUEI NOTED THAT FONMIN SHEN, WHEN DELIVERING STATEMENT TO KOREAN AMBASSADOR KIM KAE-WON, TOOK POSITION THAT CONSULTATION WHICH GRC AND ROKG "AGREED UPON" IN JANUARY 1971 SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO RESOLVE CONFLICTING CLAIMS. KUEI COMMENTED THAT DESPITE ROC DESIRE TO AVOID PROVOKING VERBAL CONFLICT IN DISPUTED AREA, KOREA HAD "ACTED ENTIRELY ON ITS OWN" WITHOUT CONSULTING ROC ON THIS ISSUE FOR PAST THREE YEARS. KUEI'S COMMENT, ROK-JAPAN TREATY, AND SUBSEQUENT RESTATEMENT OF KOREAN WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS CONFLICTING CONTINENTAL SHELF CLAIMS WITH PRC, ALL UNDERSCORE COOLNESS IN RECENT ROC-ROK RELATIONS.
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